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THE DESERT HAWK

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Synopsis

"THE DESERT HAWK"

Cast

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Hollister - The fugitive from justice	- Ben Wilson
Marie Nicholls - An Eastern Girl	- Mildred Harris
Tex Trapp	- Wm. Bailey
Bridget - a relic of the past	- Louise Lester
A handy man to the foreman of the Mirage Ranch	- Yakima Canutt
Sheriff Carson	- Ed La Niece
Sheriff Jackson	- Leon de la Mothe
Mercedes Nicholls.	- Helen Broneau

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An Arrow-Ben Wilson "Great Western".

Story.

A lonely horseman silhouetted against a background of little scudding clouds - the shriek of a whistle denoting the approach of the Eastern train - A jump! A girl in his arms! And the train a mere speck in the distance.

A girl in his arms and the law on his trail - "Hawk" Hollister wanted for the murder of the Sheriff's brother has to do some quick thinking. The girl tells him she is Marie Nicholls come to claim her heritage - the Mirage Ranch left her by her Uncle, she has missed her station and doesn't know where the Ranch is nor how to reach it. "Hawk" says he is Jack Downey, a stranger, and chivalrously offers to help her locate the Ranch.

They inquire the whereabouts of the Ranch at "The Haunted House" once the rendezvous of a gang of desperate smugglers but now a bootlegging establishment run by an aged woman named Bridget. She informs "Hawk" he may have to fight to get out.

In the meantime Jud Bellows, one of the men from the Ranch has been to meet Marie at the station and returning with her trunk meets one of the Ranch hands who asks for a ride. Jud has to get water for his car and during his absence the man signals to a gang of men and they ransack the trunk in search of a map. Returning, Jud finds his companion apparently recovering from a nasty tap on the head and the trunk is lying open in the dust. Jud proceeds to the Mirage Ranch while his companion joins the gang at "The Haunted House". As Bridget predicts there is a terrific fight but "Hawk" knocks them all out with his bare fists. Tex Trapp, foreman of the Mirage Ranch, comes in and greets Hollister as "Hawk" much to the surprise of Marie. Trapp tells "Hawk" to take the girl to the ranch and come back.

Mercedes, Nicholl's disinherited wife, is awaiting Jud at the Mirage Ranch and upbraids him for his carelessness in letting Marie get away. "Hawk" and Marie arrive and Jud learns that Marie's Uncle sent her a sealed letter and map which she has memorized and burned.

Trapp sends the gang away and is awaiting "Hawk" at "The Haunted House". He tries to enter into an agreement with "Hawk" to split even on Marie's treasure, which "Hawk" agrees to for reasons of his own.

Marie, whose movements are closely watched by Trapp and his gang, has been unable to search for her treasure - she gives a dance and during the excitement slips out, but Trapp follows her. "Hawk" learns this and dashes after her. He arrives in time to see Marie hide the treasure under a rock and ride away Trapp in close pursuit. "Hawk" secures the treasure and follows them. Arriving at the Ranch he is arrested by the Sheriff. Before being taken to jail "Hawk" hands Marie the jewels. Jud takes them and starts for the Bank. Trapp has been listening and instructs his gang to hold up Jud at Palm Canyon, while he gets Marie.

The hold up is successful but before the gang get away the Sheriff and "Hawk" come up and there is a terrific fight during which Trapp escapes with the treasure. "Hawk" learning he is after the girl gets leave from the Sheriff to rescue her, promising to deliver himself up after.

The Sheriff returns to his office and learns that it was his wife who shot his brother and that "Hawk" is innocent. He immediately goes to "The Haunted House" and the dark shadow of crime is lifted off an innocent man's shoulders. Trapp is arrested, the disinherited wife remunerated and from among the treasure "Hawk" selects a beautiful ring for his bride-to-be - Marie.

The end.

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